

THE BRITISH COLONIST

Friday Morning, March 30, 1866.

COMMERCIAL

AUCTION SALES TO-MORROW.
DANIEL SCOTT & CO. will sell, at 11 o'clock a.m., the premises, Parson's Bridge Hotel, all stock, furniture, chattels and effects.

MAKING INTELLIGENCE.
Entered.

NOTICE.
CLEARED.
Mar 29.—Schr Industry, Ramsey, Nainaiu, Ship Heloise, Greenleaf, Nainaiu.

PERSONAL DISPUTES.—It would seem that individual squabbles are the order of the day. It is the inevitable fate of all small communities that everybody should manifest an intense interest in the sayings and doings, public and private, of everybody else. Curious antecedents are fruitful themes for speculative imaginations, and eccentricities, real or assumed, furnish a titbit of gossip for sensational gossip-mongers. The Gaston-Frouin encounter came up for final decision before the stipendiary magistrate yesterday. The defendant Gaston was censured by the Bench for his exorbitant conduct and aggressive peculiarities, and was fined the sum of \$25; in addition to which he was ordered to find two securities for \$250 and bound over himself in the sum of \$500 to keep the peace for six months. The Wharf Street case, in which the defendant was in the Supreme Court, cross actions having been entered for assault and battery on the one part and alleged defamation of character on the other. It is a matter of regret that these squabbles and misapprehensions cannot be settled privately without any reference to the legal tribunals.

ESTATE OF G. E. DENNIS.—In a paragraph headed "Paid over," our morning contemporary, who is addicted to taking others to task for inaccurate statements, yesterday makes some glaring misrepresentations. We learn that the amount paid over by Messrs. Peckars & Green on Wednesday was \$130 and not \$230, which the court had previously directed to be paid in. It does not constitute the whole amount by from \$80 to \$100 to the credit of the estate now paid in, and was not subscribed by any "Club" with which the *Chronicle* is acquainted. The sum of \$130 will not be equal to the claims of the creditors, as arrangements have all along been intended and will be made to pay in full. More veracity and less animus would not hurt our contemporary.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.—Our naval friends who contribute in no slight degree from time to time towards enlivening the monotony of the town, are busy preparing a capital evening's entertainment for Easter Tuesday. The time-honored play of "Douglas" will be represented by the theatrical amateurs of the "Alert." Although a hold stroke for histrionic devices, reports say that the performance will merit a liberal patronage. The new force of the "Aria Belles," included in the programme, are of a more meretricious and will constitute an attractive feature in the entertainment.

MUSICAL.—The band of the Volunteer Corps afforded our citizens a musical treat last night. A selection of popular airs was heard on the roof of the St. Nicholas Hotel, and the dulcet strains were heard far and near, calling up pleasant recollections of by-gone scenes of gaiety and social enjoyment. The members subsequently partook of a genial "stirrup cup," toasting with hearty unanimity the successes of their comrades who are seeking their fortunes in the Big Bend country.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—A meeting of the committee of management of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society was held yesterday at Messrs. Franklin's office. Kenneth McKenzie, Esq., in the chair. The resignation of Mr. Elliott, the efficient Secretary, who is about to proceed on country, was received and accepted, and Mr. J. E. Bly, of the firm of J. & Co., son-in-law and florist, was appointed Secretary in his stead. After some unimportant business the meeting separated.

THE BEND.—A letter from Captain Fery, dated Lloy City, March 23, to friends in this city, says it is altogether too early for miners to proceed to the Big Bend Mines. The roads are in a bad condition at present, provisions are very scarce, and there is no prospect for transporting any for some time to come yet.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS for the week ending 24th March, 1866.—Duties \$5181 65; Export \$51 65; Harbor Dues \$138 02; Head-money \$254 14; Tonnage Dues \$272 08; Fees \$1. Total \$5898 55. Passengers 202.—*Columbia.*

THE B. C. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL on Tuesday strangled the Cattle Import Bill and the resolution to remove tonnage dues from home grown produce and manufactures. The House will be prorogued on Tuesday.

THE NEXT STEAMER.—The *Columbia* says it is understood that the steamer California would leave San Francisco yesterday or the day before, and would be due at New Westminster on Monday or Tuesday.

ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.—There will be a total eclipse of the moon to-night commencing at about 20 minutes to seven, entering shadow at about 15 minutes to seven and ending at about 10 o'clock.

METTING.—There will be a meeting in the Athenaeum Hall, Saturday evening, to consider the Spring Ridge Water Works Company's bill now before a Committee of the House of Assembly.

THE GOLD EXPORT TAX.—The bill repealing this obnoxious tax, we are happy to say, has passed the Legislative Council of British Columbia.

PRINCE OF WALES.—Oxford Falls, received per "Domina" from Townsend & Co., London.—A fine invoice of the above very stylish and fashionable Hats.—Adams, Pioneer Hatter, Government street and Tremaine alley.

DANCING CLASS.—Mrs. D. Palmer will reopen her afternoon class for children and young ladies on Mondays and Thursdays at 4 p.m., at her residence, Douglas street. Terms, \$3 per month. A reduction made for two or three pupils in a family. N.B.—Private lessons given.

CAUTION TO MINERS GOING TO BIG BEND.—No one should start for these mines without being quite sure that his teeth are in good order. F. W. Cava, Dentist, Tremaine Alley, opposite the *Colonist* office, is still practicing his profession at English prices.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—Miners and others going to Big Bend or Bridge River will find Hicks' Hotel (which is now kept by W. E. Stein, formerly of the Hot Springs) one of the best and cleanest houses in the city. Meals and Beds at 50 cents each, and Drinks 12½ cents.

"We won't go home till morning, and then we won't go home."—We have received a prospectus of a new club, to be called "The Young England One o'Clock Club," and find that a number of gentlemen living in London in chambers (or during the season), having found the One o'Clock Closing Act at times exceedingly irksome, have formed a club where the members can be supplied at all hours of the day and night with whatever they may desire. The members are to have the privilege of taking friends into the club house at any hour of the night. Old fashioned folks might think that at one o'clock comes it is time to go to bed; but Young England is evidently advanced beyond such antiquated ideas.—*Dispatch.*

NO PAPER.—To-day being Good Friday, no paper will be issued from this office to-morrow.

TELEGRAPHIC.—The Western Union Telegraph Company will commence work at Quesselmouth on the 1st May.

GOVERNOR SEYMOUR and his bride, we understand, are expected on in May next.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The steamer *Enterprise* arrived yesterday from New Westminster with 35 passengers and a Cariboo Express. Among the passengers was Mr. Ormanby, Express Messenger of the Bank of British Columbia, direct from Williams Creek, Cariboo, whose news is contained in the following supplied to the *British Columbia*:

LATER FROM CARIBOO

\$75,000 in Treasure.

The steamers *Lillooet* and *Onward* arrived from the Interior, the latter bringing a Cariboo Express, with dates to the 16th instant, and Mr. Ormanby, messenger of the Bank of British Columbia, with \$75,000 of treasure belonging to that institution. The *Enterprise* was on her way to the Interior, and was expected to arrive at the same time. The weather was favorable and work had been resumed in many claims. Several claims had been worked about Richfield during the winter, most of them paying \$10 a day to the owner, most of them paying \$10 a day to the owner.

The tunnels in Conkling's Gulch have been run into the hill a considerable distance, and in some of them good pay has been struck. In the tunnel in the Australian Creek, the first day's work produced 103 ounces. They washed the week before the express left 300 ounces. In the Cameron claim they were working with rockers, and making \$10 a day to the hand, some of them as much as \$15 exclusive of two-five per cent paid into the treasury of the company.

The Prince of Wales is paying over wages. The Union Quartz Company, in Conkling's Gulch, is also paying over wages.

A good deal of prospecting has been done in the hills during the winter.

Duncan MacMartin and a company of 16 have been driving a tunnel on the other side of the hill from the creek towards Richfield. Johnny Bryant and a company of 15 had run a tunnel from near the head of Conkling's Gulch in the same direction.

The Aurora Company are running a tunnel.

A tunnel has been run into the hill on the west side, near the old Diller claim, and the men say that from prospects obtained it will pay well.

The San Francisco Company on the opposite side of the creek, have commenced to put a shaft down.

The Bed Rock Plume Company have got through a great deal of work this winter, and it is expected that the Bed Rock Drain will be completed as far up as Barkerville by the end of June.

The Wake-up-Jake Company are sinking a shaft at the upper end of their ground.

The Moffatt Company were to be at work in the morning, but the snow was too deep, and would commence washing on the 16th.

The market prices had undergone little change. It is estimated that steady employment will be found in Williams Creek, this season, for from 800 to 1000 men there are there at present, and it appears to be the prevailing opinion that these mines will yield much more gold this year than they did last.

The Reading Room has been well patronized during the winter, and has been very comfortable, while the debates have been well attended and listened to with much interest. The *Cariboo*, a manuscript weekly paper, under the able management of the enterprising publisher, Messrs. McLennan & Anderson, has given great satisfaction, and afforded considerable amusement.

Mr. Lang, manager of the Bank of British Columbia, had reached the creek in safety, and had enjoyed a pleasant trip. Evans, of the firm of Evans & Co., son-in-law and florist, was appointed Secretary in his stead. After some unimportant business the meeting separated.

LATER FROM LILLOOET.

Great Fire.—Important from Bridge River.

Dr. Featherstone arrived from Lillooet on Monday, having left that town on the 22d. The doctor is the bearer of the unwelcome news that a fire broke out in Lillooet, consuming a number of buildings.

The Hon. Mr. Elliott has received a letter from Chabot & Co., of Gun Creek, in the new Bridge River Mining District, being about sixty miles from Lillooet. In this letter it is stated that the fire had consumed a great deal of the winter, and had found a large breadth of ground which will pay from \$12 to \$15 a day to the hand with sluices, or \$2 to \$6 with rockers, and that the ground pays from the surface.

We also learn from a private letter that a party of three—Joe Wakefield, Bill Clark and Harry—men who had been working on the Cayoosh Bridge, and who are thoroughly reliable, went out to those mines a short time ago, and notwithstanding the snow, managed to get to some extent. These men had returned to Lillooet and report plenty of ground which they think will pay from \$8 to \$10 a day. They panned out \$11 in a very short time, but their provisions gave out, and they came back. It is the intention of this party to return to those diggings in five or six weeks.

Every one at Lillooet appears to be confident that, as to breadth of ground and certainty of yield from the first strike, a good deal of the bedrock, these mines will rank second to none in British Columbia.

There are 100 Chinamen at work on Bridge River, 15 miles from Lillooet, constructing a wingdam. Several companies of white men are also at work on the same place.

Travelling between Lillooet and this city is now excellent. Mr. Dowdney was met at Sinton lake on his way to Lillooet to survey the new trail to the Bridge River mine.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS, a certain remedy for all kinds of the skin—Itching, eruptions, eczema, or king's evil, sore heads, and efficacious in the cure of tumours, burns, scalds, glandular swellings, rheumatic wounds, rheumatism, contracted and stiff joints. These medicines operate mildly and surely. The cure effected by them is not temporary or apparent only, but complete and permanent.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, March 29.

Speaker took his seat at 3:15 p.m. Present—Messrs. DeCosmos, Powell, McClure, Trimble, Dickson, Ash, Cochran, Carwell, Cunningham. Mr. Dennis was present during the early part of the session.

MAJESTY'S REVENUE.
Mr. Dickson gave notice of a bill allowing county justices other than stipendiary magistrates to charge certain fees.

ABSENT MEMBERS.
Mr. DeCosmos rose and moved that the seat of Mr. Selim Franklin as member for the city of Victoria be declared vacant, and that a writ for the election of a new member do forthwith issue. He said that by law any member vacated his seat by absconding himself for more than three months without the leave of the House, and Mr. Franklin's three months' absence expired on the 28th February.

Mr. Trimble said the hon. member left for England when the House was not in session, and he was sure that the House would not be so strict as to declare a seat vacant on account of a member's absence.

The Speaker read the act and thought the interpretation doubtful.

Mr. DeCosmos also referred to the act which declares that the seat of any member absenting himself for three months during the session of the House shall *ipso facto* vacate.

Mr. McClure said the seat was *ipso facto* void by law and he was surprised at hon. members raising any opposition to the observance of the rules that guided the House. There could be no question about the matter.

Dr. Trimble said he only asked that the same privilege be extended to one member as another absent member (Mr. Southgate).

The Speaker said he could not put the motion as there was a contest between two acts which must first be determined. The original act spoke of absence during the session of the House and the second act of absence for three months during session.

Mr. DeCosmos contended that the course of the House was clear under the act. The second act by its preamble amended the original representation act and plainly defined that three months' absence at any time while the House was in session rendered the seat vacant and authorized a new writ.

Ash asked the title of the act which was to amend the representation act and its provisions must therefore be in so far as it amended that act take precedence. He therefore supported the motion. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Dickson said he failed to see the conflict himself. It was clear by the act first, that if a member was absent without leave during a whole session his seat was vacant; secondly, if absent for three months while the House was in session without leave a new writ should issue.

Mr. Trimble said that when Mr. Franklin had asked him [Dr. C.] to make an application for six months' leave, another member promised to support it. Not believing that there was any intention to interfere with the seat he had neglected when the House sat to make the application.

Mr. McClure said he could not understand the opposition to this motion. If Mr. Franklin were present and applied for the privilege of retaining his seat the matter would be a very different position; but that gentleman was not only not present but no member could say when he would be. In the meantime Victoria was left without its proper complement of members and an injustice was done to the constituents.

Mr. DeCosmos knew of no rule that allowed an honorable member to ask for leave by proxy.

Ash called the Speaker's attention to the fact that the one act applied to absence from the House, and the other to absence from the House.

The Speaker said he maintained that he could not put the motion while there was any doubt.

Dr. Trimble said he begged to call attention to another absent member. What was asked for the House was leave for the speaker, and he would make a similar motion.

Several members—Of course that's only right and proper.

The Speaker said the cases were different. He would look at both at the same time. If the House were to grant the motion he would be better prepared to give his opinion.

Mr. McClure asked by what authority the hon. Speaker refused to put the motion. Could he put out so extraordinary a course in "May"?

The Speaker said that while he himself had a doubt of the legality he could not assume the responsibility of putting it.

Mr. McClure said the House and not the Speaker was responsible.

The House was in all very fine, but he was still responsible.

Dr. Ash seconded the motion of the hon. member for Victoria District that the seat of the hon. member for Esquimalt be declared vacant.

The Speaker would not put the motion and the subject dropped.

MUNICIPAL BILL.

Mr. McClure moved the first reading of a Municipal Bill giving electoral districts in the Island, including Comox and Cowichan, certain municipal powers, which he stated in substance as follows: Each district was to have a Council of five resident landholders, appointed by the Governor, and the majority of the inhabitants to the Governor, elected. The chairman of the Council to be *ex officio* a justice of the peace, with power to swear in one or more special constables to keep the peace, and to give the Council the power to have power to assess real estate, exclusive of buildings and improvements, at a rate not exceeding one per cent on the Government Assessment Roll of 1864, or where no assessment had been previously made, one per cent on the market value; such revenue to be expended exclusively in the district in which the money is raised on roads and bridges, and for general municipal purposes. The Road Act to be repealed.

Dr. Trimble thought that although the bill might contain some very good provisions, he did not consider it advisable to pass such a bill without consulting the people whether they required such elaborate machinery. He stated that Mr. McClure's bill would do no good, and that the bill was to do away with the present elaborate machinery of the Road Act and form a substitute for the Road Act.

The bill passed the first reading.

REAL ESTATE RETURNS.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, a committee was appointed to wait on the Colonial Secretary and request that the returns made by the House be printed in the next Gazette.

VICTORIA INCORPORATION.

The House went into committee on this bill. Dr. Dickson in the chair.

Dr. Helmeke moved that the words "police force" be erased from clause 7, which provided that the police and fire departments should be maintained out of the municipal funds.

A lengthy debate ensued, Messrs. Helmeke and Trimble defending the motion, and Messrs. DeCosmos, Powell and McClure opposing it.

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A further debate of some length was carried on by the same hon. members, and after a short motion to rise had been negatived, a second was put by consent and carried, and the House adjourned until Saturday.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Council met at 3 p.m. His Honor Chief Justice Needham presiding. Members present—The Hon. Colonial Secretary, Attorney General, Donald Fraser, R. Finlayson, and H. Rhodes.

NAVY.
The President announced the receipt of a communication from the Lower House enclosing a bill for the incorporation of the town of Nanaimo, and upon the motion of the Colonial Secretary it was formally read a first time.

THE VOLUNTEERS.
The Hon. Colonial Secretary, in pursuance of notice, obtained leave to introduce a bill for legalizing the establishment of a Volunteer Corps in Vancouver Island, and in moving the first reading observed that the force at present in existence did not possess any properly constituted footing. He further stated that the bill was intended to grant such military bodies a legal status, and although it was true that they had been recognized by the Legislature here, as demonstrated by certain sums of money having been voted for their equipment, it was nevertheless desirable that a constitutional measure should be framed authorizing the organization. The Hon. Attorney General seconded the motion. "The Chief Justice was anxious that no misunderstanding should arise as to the legality of the corps now in existence. It was perfectly legal in every respect, and it was indispensable to the welfare of the community that such a movement should be fostered. It was the utmost importance to afford a valuable body of men every facility for the embodiment of their patriotic sentiments, and in order to do so it was desirable to endow the members with legitimate powers for free operation. The bill, therefore, was intended to legalize the corps, and the admirable discipline of the troops was a subject of national pride. After alluding to the origin of the movement in the island, he said he was induced to make these remarks to prevent any misapprehension. The Colonial Secretary explained that in England there was a special enactment for this purpose, and the bill now introduced was intended to be in conformity with the measure now in force in the United Kingdom. The Hon. Donald Fraser was glad to hear the opinions expressed by the Chief Justice, and he had no doubt that the bill would receive ample consideration from the Council. The bill then passed the first reading.

THE FRANCHISE ACT.
The Council then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, the Hon. Henry Rhodes in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the Franchise Bill.

The Hon. Donald Fraser then submitted the amendment to clause 8 proposed by the Colonial Secretary, which he stated he should have much pleasure in supporting.

After listening to the remarks and interpolations the alteration read as follows:

Absence from the colony for one month during the session of the House without leave of the House for that purpose obtained. In case of a member who is registered as a voter, and who is absent from the colony for one month during the session of the House, the House may, by resolution, declare that such member is disqualified from sitting in the House, and the House may, by resolution, declare that such member is disqualified from sitting in the House, and the House may, by resolution, declare that such member is disqualified from sitting in the House.

The amendment was carried on a vote of 10 to 5.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, March 26.—By a dispatch from San Francisco last evening we learn that there has been another earthquake in that city, which was felt at Sacramento, San Jose, and several small towns in the interior. Chinamen in several places were demolished. Our dispatches give no particulars, owing to the wires being out of order.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Petitions are being circulated in all parts of the city, asking Governor Low to veto the bill expected to be passed by the Legislature increasing the fare on the city railroads.

A "right smart" shock of an earthquake visited the city at 12:15 p.m. today. It was the most vivid reminder of the October earthquake which prevailed at the same hour, and we have had since that date, and sent quite a number of our citizens into the street.

The funeral of Charles Peaseley and Benjamin W. Ballou took place yesterday afternoon.

Hon. Anson Burlingame, U. S. Minister to China, and Hon. B. Van Halbeek, Minister to Japan, arrived in this city by the last steamer from Panama, and will spend a few days in California before proceeding to their destinations.

The marked decline in gold to-day in New York is a prominent theme in financial and commercial circles. The price varied between 125½ and 124½, at which price it appears to have settled.

The decline in the gold price is generally attributed to the passage of the Loan Bill in the Lower House of Congress. Should the bill pass the Senate further decline is anticipated.

Banking in New York continues depressed. Banker's sterling are quoted on the 24th inst. at 107/107½; Legal Tenders 79½/80 cts.

Arrived March 25.—Steamer Oregon, 12 days from San Francisco; steamer Pacific, 3 days from the Columbia River; brig Frank, 10 days from San Francisco; schooner Adams, 20 days from San Francisco; schooner Adams, 20 days from San Francisco; schooner Adams, 20 days from San Francisco.

San Francisco, March 27.—Arrived, March 26th, ship Valparaiso, 155 days from Baltimore; British ship Carley, 130 days from Liverpool; bark John A. Panning, 95 days from Rio Janeiro, with coffee; schooner Albatross, 3 days from Portland; bark Albatross, 5 days from the Columbia River.

The telegraph brings the price of gold from New York, 26th instant, at 126, and Bankers' sterling at 107/107½; Greenbacks sold 80 cts. for gold, and 90 cts. for silver, and 50½ selling, which is really the gold price.

CIGARS.

LEVIN & ANTHONY, TOBACCONISTS
Yates street, have just received, per "De Norte," a large invoice of

HAVANA CIGARS.

—ALSO—

CHEEROOTS AND MANILLA CIGARS

at 600 in a box, of the best quality.

Cariboo Sentinel.

THE UNDERSIGNED, PROPRIETORS
of and publishers of the CARIBOO SENTINEL, beg to inform the public that the first number of the paper will be published on or about the first day of next month, and will be sent to all subscribers on receipt of the postage and support hereunto necessary.

While anticipating the determination of publishing twice, instead of once a week as formerly, the undersigned have endeavored to the very efficient postal system, now established throughout British Columbia, which will enable them to forward the SENTINEL to nearly every Mining Camp in the Colony, particularly to the newly discovered mines on the Columbia, from whence they will be in constant receipt of the latest and most reliable intelligence, thus rendering the columns of their paper a most desirable medium of publicity for the business public.

They have appointed Mr. E. MALLANDRAINE, of the Government Agent at Victoria, with full power to transact business generally on their behalf. All orders sent to him will receive the strictest attention.

TERMS LIBERAL.

ALLAN & LAMBERT.

Victoria, N. Y., 16th March, 1866. m17 1m

FOR SALE.

The Sloop "Ringleader,"

Ten Tons Register, (carries eighteen).

For any further information apply to the Captain on board.

P. M. BACKUS,

Acetoneer and Commission Merchant

EUROPEAN.

New York, March 23.—The following is last night's bulletin from the Lower House of the 10th inst.:

The London press generally speaks approvingly of President Johnson's 22d of February speech.

A Madrid dispatch says the Peruvian war ship Independent proceeded to the Pacific to take part in the approaching struggle between Spain and Chili.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE "COLONIST."

EASTERN NEWS.

CHICAGO, March 23.—Pitt's Opera House in Cincinnati was totally destroyed by fire last night. The *Daily Enquirer* office and adjoining buildings on Fourth street were also burned. It was the most destructive fire that ever visited Cincinnati. Loss—\$500,000.

The Ohio Senate has passed the eight-hour bill with trifling amendments, and it is agreed by the House the bill becomes law July 1st. It makes eight hours a legal day's work.

Georgia papers publish a rumor that there will soon be a large number of colored people at Augusta, for the purpose of nominating representatives to Congress from the Territory of Georgia.

CHICAGO, March 23.—The Committee on Weights, Measures, and Coinage recommend to Congress the new coinage bill, and encourage by law the admission and use of the metric system of weights and measures, and also to introduce the system into the post-offices, by making a single letter's weight 15 grammes, and the new cent coin pieces to be so coined that they shall weigh each 10 grammes, and that their diameters shall be made to bear a determinate and similar ratio to the metric unit of length.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The case of the *Meinor*, the alleged Chinaman privateer, was up yesterday in the U. S. District Court, and the case comes on again to-day.

FRANKFURT, Ky., March 27.—The Court of appeals has rendered a decision, which initially prevents a soldier, Union or Confederate, from being prosecuted for acts committed under the orders of superior officers.

NEW YORK, March 27.—An exhibition of the game of billiards took place last evening at the Cooper Institute. The players were Robert, Edgar, and William, of New York, and the game was played in two of which Robert was victorious against Kavanagh and Derry respectively. Cahill beat him at the French can game.

President Johnson transmitted a veto message to the Senate to-day on the civil rights bill. The message has not, up to this date (3 p.m.) been read.

Senator Fiske, of Vermont, is supposed to be in a dying condition this noon.

BRIDGE RIVER

